

International Society of Nephrology

ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.
6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applicants should be submitted to Dr. Claude Amiel, Secretary General, ISN, Département de Physiologie, 16, rue Henri-Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgment: ". . . was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1991 is included in the annual 1991 dues of US \$100.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. C. Craig Tisher, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, P.O. Box J-231, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, 1600 SW Archer Rd., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current Fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Tisher along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$100.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: ". . . was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Dr. Roscoe R. Robinson, President, International Society of Nephrology, D-3300 Medical Center North, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 21st Avenue South at Garland, Nashville, Tennessee 37232, USA.

Supplements to Kidney International

Limited funds are available for the partial financial support of the direct cost of publication of the proceedings of meetings to be published as Supplements to *Kidney International*. Individual awards cannot exceed US \$5,000. Application must be made to the Editor; it must include the date and place of the proposed meeting, a list of other sponsors, a final program (including speakers), an estimate of the number and length of manuscripts, and an expression of willingness to participate in the editorial process, including the submission of manuscripts to a modified form of peer review.

ISN Archive

Dr. Carl Gottschalk has accepted the responsibility to establish an Archive of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archive will consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society.

Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN will be assembled in the Archive.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Gottschalk at the following address: Carl W. Gottschalk, M.D., Department of Medicine 226-H, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 USA.

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The Nahariya Conference on Calcium and Calcium Related Diseases has been postponed to a future date, as yet undecided. This decision has been taken by the organizers, unfortunately, because of the present political situation prevailing in the area. The new date will be announced as soon as possible. For further information, contact Dr. Tamar Shklonik, Head of Clinical and Research Laboratories, Nahariya Regional Hospital, Nahariya 22100, Israel.

The Second International Congress on Amino Acids and Analogues will be held on August 5–9, 1991 in Vienna, Austria. Topics will include: analysis, separation, synthesis, biosynthesis, nutrition, cross-linking amino acids, updating of tryptophan, amino acids and the immune system (including AIDS), sports medicine, racemization, methylation of amino acids, roles for arginine, neurochemistry (excitatory amino acids, food chemistry and technology, radiated food amino acids), polyamines, renal physiology, gastroenterology, amino acids and behavior, inborn errors of metabolism, molecular biology, therapeutic implications, pharmacology, and amino acids as free oxygen radical scavengers and stable isotopes. For further information, contact Gert Lubec, University of Vienna, Department of Paediatrics, Wahringer Gurtel 18, A 1090 Vienna, Austria. Telephone: (222) 23 40 424; FAX (222) 40 400 3238.

The International Workshop on Alport Syndrome will be held on August 23–24, 1991 in Oulu, Finland. Topics will include: clinical aspects of Alport syndrome the glomerular basement membrane structure, and details of mutations. New approaches for diagnosis, diagnostic testing and coordination of future research will also be discussed. The deadline for application is July 1, 1991. For further information, please contact Karl Tryggvason, M.D., Ph.D., International Workshop on Alport Syndrome, Biocenter and Department of Biochemistry, University of Oulu, SF-90570 Oulu, Finland. Telephone: 358-81-352355; FAX: 358-81-352356.

The Eighth International Congress for Stereology will be held on August 25–30, 1991 at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Courses will be held in basic stereology and mathematical morphology, workshops on current methods in quantitative morphology, plenary symposia and poster sessions. For further information, contact Paul J. McMillan, Organizer 8 ICS, Anatomy Department, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California 92350, USA. Telephone: (714) 824-4301; FAX: (714) 824-4577.

The Sixth International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease will be held in Harrogate, United Kingdom on August 26–30 1991, immediately preceding the European Dialysis and Transplant meeting in Belgrade on September 2–5, 1991. For further information, contact Joel D. Kopple, M.D., Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, 1000 West Carson Street, Torrance,

California 90509, USA, or A. Meguid El Nahas, M.D., Sheffield Kidney Institute, Northern General Hospital, Herries Road, Sheffield, S5 7AU, United Kingdom. Telephone: 0742-434343 (ext. 4017); FAX 0742-560472.

The XXVIIIth Congress of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association—European Renal Association (EDTA/ERA) will be held on September 1–4, 1991 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia at the Sava Congress Center. For further information, please contact the Organizing Secretariat, YUGOTOURS, Congress, Incentive & Exhibition Dept., Djure Djaković 31, 11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Telephone: 38 11 / 763-028, 764-622; FAX 38 11 / 766-447; Telex: 11000. 12902. or Prof. dr. Vladimir Petronić, Medical Faculty—Clinical Center, Pasterova 2, 11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Telephone: (011) 687-160; Telex: 12099; FAX: 646 988.

The 3rd International Symposium on Diabetic Angiopathy in Childhood will be held on September 2–4, 1991 in Berlin, Germany. Topics will include: matrix metabolism, diagnostics and therapy of diabetic nephropathy. The proceedings will be published. For further information, contact Dr. Bruno Weber, Universitäts-Kinderklinik, Heubnerweg 6, D-W 1000 Berlin 19, Germany. Telephone: 30-3035-1; FAX: 30-3035-4638. In the U.S., contact Dr. Thomas Danne, Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA. Telephone: (617) 732-2568; FAX: (617) 732-2593.

Organ Sharing—Transplanted in Canada is the focus of the Canadian Association of Transplantation Annual Meeting, to be held in Quebec on September 19–20, 1991. For further information, contact Ms. Colette Birks, Metro Transplantation, 1560 Sherbrooke Street East, Montreal, Quebec H2L 4K8, Canada. Telephone: (514) 876-6768; FAX: (514) 876-5307.

Forefronts in Nephrology

Cell and Molecular Biology of Basement Membrane in Health and Disease, a symposium sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology, the National Institutes of Health, and the University City Science Center, Philadelphia, will be held at the Airlie Center, Virginia on September 20–22, 1991. Molecular interactions and cell receptors, regulation of gene expression, development and growth regulation, regulation of degradation of basement membrane, and basement membrane involvement in various disease states will be discussed. Formal presentations, informal discussions and poster sessions will be included. This symposium will be chaired by Drs. Nicholas Kefalides, Lance Liotta and Eric Neilson. Attendance is limited. Junior investigators may apply for assistance with travel costs. For further information, please contact Dr. Nicholas Kefalides, Connective Tissue Research Institute, University City Science Center, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, USA. Telephone: (215) 387-2255; FAX (215) 382-0056.

The Second Seminar on Renal Involvement in Systemic Vasculitis will be held on September 21, 1991 in Vimercate (located near Milan), Italy. Topics will include: immunopathology of systemic lupus erythematosus, with an emphasis on anti-endothelial and anti-cardiolipin antibodies, clinico-pathological correlations and treatment. For further information, contact Dr. Adalberto Sessa, Unità Operativa di Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedale di Vimercate, 20059 Vimercate (Milano), Italia. Telephone: (39) 6654544; FAX: (39) 669079.